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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: TRADE AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

REF: A. STATE 150307

[1](#)B. STATE 27693

[1](#)C. STATE 24938

[1](#)1. Post held its first quarterly meeting of the Trade Agreement Compliance and Monitoring Committee on October 24 in Abuja. The Committee is chaired by the DCM, and the Embassy's Economic Section serves as secretariat. Other members are USAID's Office of Economic Growth, Energy, and Infrastructure and three offices from the Consulate General in Lagos: the Economic Section, Foreign Commercial Service, and Foreign Agricultural Service.

[1](#)2. Committee members agreed on the following objective:
"Identify possible GON violations of trade agreements to which both Nigeria and the United States are party. Report those violations to Washington-based trade-agencies. Based on Washington-agency instructions, advocate for GON compliance with its trade agreements."

[1](#)3. The next Committee meeting will be held in early January in Lagos. In the interim, members will track possible GON violations of trade agreements for reporting to Washington and eventual inclusion in Post's National Trade Estimate submission.

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